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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 9-19, 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are non-statutory as not being **tangibly embodied** in a manner so as to be executable. In the specification, page 3, the alleged computer accessible medium is not limited to tangible product or medium.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-8, 20 are allowed.

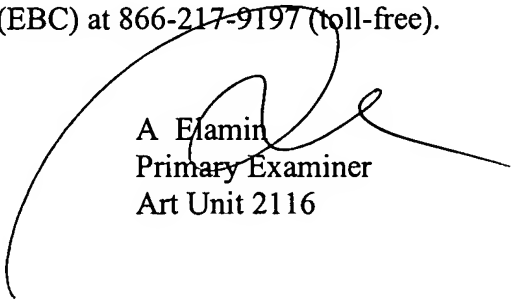
Conclusion

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